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Public use restrictions, fire precaution level on the rise

HINES, Ore. – Continuous hot, dry temperatures and the increased risk of wildfire have prompted Federal officials to raise the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) and tighten public use restrictions within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone. Effective Thursday, July 25, the IFPL will move from two to three, Partial Shutdown. Under IFPL three, personal woodcutters are prohibited from operating power saws. Commercial woodcutters may only use power saws at loading sites and on tractor/skidder operations between the hours of 8 pm and 1 pm.

In addition, the following are prohibited:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire, including charcoal briquette fire, except at Chickahominy, Page Springs, Jackman Park, Fish Lake, and South Steens Campgrounds. Liquefied and bottled gas stoves and heaters are permitted. When used outside of developed recreation sites, stoves and heaters must be used within an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or clear of all flammable material.
2. Smoking outside of a vehicle, trailer or building, except within areas barren of all flammable materials for at least a 3-foot diameter, or on boats on rivers and lakes.
3. Operating any type of motorized vehicle without a shovel and a container with at least 1-gallon of water, or a fully charged 2.5-pound fire extinguisher.
4. Operating any type of motorized vehicle off existing roadways or parking vehicles on roadways not clear of all flammable materials. Vehicles must be parked on developed roadways, which are those areas clear of flammable debris, berm to berm.

Visitors should use extreme caution when visiting public lands this time of year. Ignition of fireworks on all public land is always prohibited.

Fire danger is currently rated **VERY HIGH**. The public use restrictions within the Burns Interagency Fire Zone will remain in effect until further notice. **To report a wildfire, call 573-1000.**

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